HOUSE BILL 2945 By Kelsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (10) and substituting instead the following:

(10) "Biological parents" means the woman who physically or genetically conceived the child who is the subject of the adoption or termination proceedings or who conceived the child, and a man who, though the progenitor of a subject child, possesses no parental rights in relation to the subject child because, no court of competent jurisdiction, in response to a timely petition filed by a progenitor who is not a legal parent, has adjudicated the progenitor to have parental rights in relation to the subject child;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.